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**Ted Stevens**

United States Senator for Alaska

Please Note:

- Fill out one request form for each request
- This form (and any attachments) can be returned via:

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United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Construction funding for Alaska's first Regional Resource Recovery and Training Park (RRRTP)

Project Location: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The Mat-Su Regional Resource Recovery and Training Park (RRRTP) will be a model project providing a comprehensive community waste reduction program and vocational training, education and outreach. The current recycling center enjoys wide community support and has demonstrated success in both materials recycling and education/demonstration. The new RRRTP will replace the current community recycling center, which has no room for the rapidly growing operation and has dangerous vehicular access.

The project/facility will demonstrate a commercial operation with a Zero Waste, Net Zero Energy "footprint" - an important example for how all future publicly- and privately-funded commercial buildings will be constructed as energy and waste disposal costs continue to increase across Alaska. Please see attachment 1 for more information.

Related Appropriations Bill: unknown

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$2,500,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$7,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: seeking 2,500,000

Matching funds from local and private entities:

\$2,500,000 revenue bond committed from Mat-Su Borough; \$495,000 from Rasmuson (Invited); local indiv/corporate \$100,000

List legislation that authorizes this project:

N/A

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Not in any specific appropriations bills, but we did receive a \$50,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration as part of the \$855,000 we have expended to date for site acquisition, design/engineering, capital fundraising, etc.

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: none

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none to date

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

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Valley Community for Recycling Solutions (VCRS) Regional Resource Recovery & Training Park

Description of Project

- First Regional Resource Recovery & Training Park in Alaska
- Establish waste reduction as the number one waste management practice in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- Enlarged operations center to receive and process more materials from business, industry, government, and individuals
- Demonstration and Pilot for other locations across Alaska
- Education center with a library and classroom complete with a view of the recycling plant operating area
- Work Station for Research & Development

Rationale for New Facility

- Save money by
 - Decreasing amount of waste going to the landfill
 - Extending landfill lifespan (first lined cell filled at twice expected rate -3 years instead of 6 at a cost of \$3 million plus per cell in 2006 dollars)
- Reduce illegal dumping and use of burn barrels
- Recover resources from waste stream for local economic development/manufacturing
- Shrink tax burden

Outcomes

- Reduced volume of waste going to the landfill by 25%
- Expanded diversion of waste through research and development partnership with UAA and Mat-Su College
- Expanded Opportunities and resources for local entrepreneurs
- Trained individuals and communities across Alaska on operation and maintenance of equipment and the various techniques for collecting, processing, transporting, and marketing recycling materials
- Documented waste reduction strategies available to communities across Alaska
- Improved air and water quality

Timeline

- 2006, 2007 and 2008: funding
- 2007 and early 2008: architectural and engineering design
- 2008/2009: building construction
- 2009: move in and open for operation

Funding for Regional Resource Recovery & Training Park

- Secured
 - Mat-Su Borough \$2.5 million revenue bond
 - MSB \$100,000 for architectural and engineering design
 - MSB \$400,000 contribution of site at the MSB Central Landfill
 - Local individual, business, and corporate \$155,000
 - EDA: \$50,000 in preliminary engineering and design
- In Process
 - Local individual, corporate/foundations, and municipal: \$500,000
 - Rasmuson Foundation: grant proposal request for \$495,000 pending results of requested feasibility study
 - M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust: invited to submit a full proposal for \$200,000
 - 2008 Alaska State Legislature: requesting \$2.5 Million
 - US Congressional delegation: requesting \$2.5 Million

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST \$7.5 million based on design cost estimates in January 2008